From Competencies to Competence



Workforce Planning for Georgia State Government

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From Competencies to Competence: Linking Mission to Success through People

Purpose

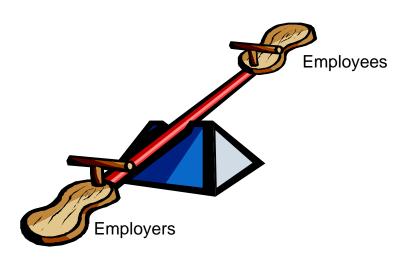
- Assist you in creating and sustaining productive and satisfying workplaces
- Discuss "best practices" for integrating individual strengths and talents with organizational goals and strategy

Premise

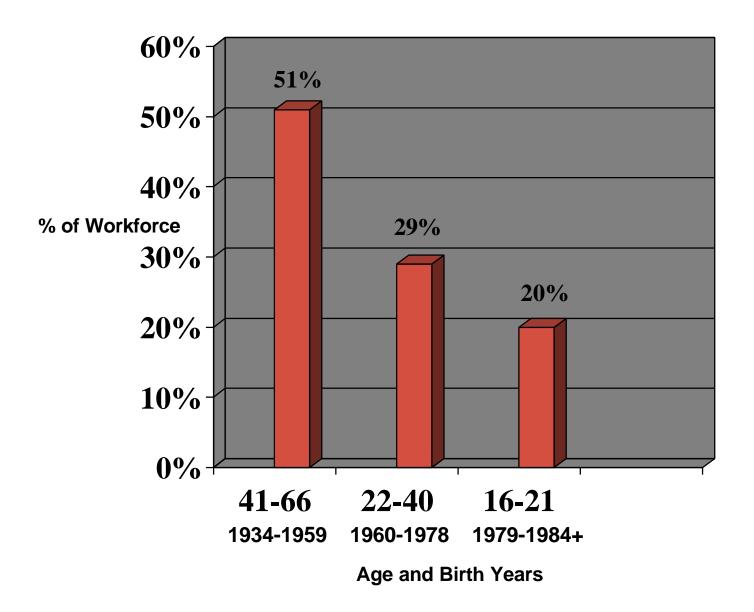
The workforce development practices of today are woefully inadequate for meeting emerging and future organizational performance needs

The Growing Need for Workforce Planning and Development

- Recruitment/Retention
- **Retirements**
- Changing Workforce
- **Do More With Less**
- Shrinking Workforce



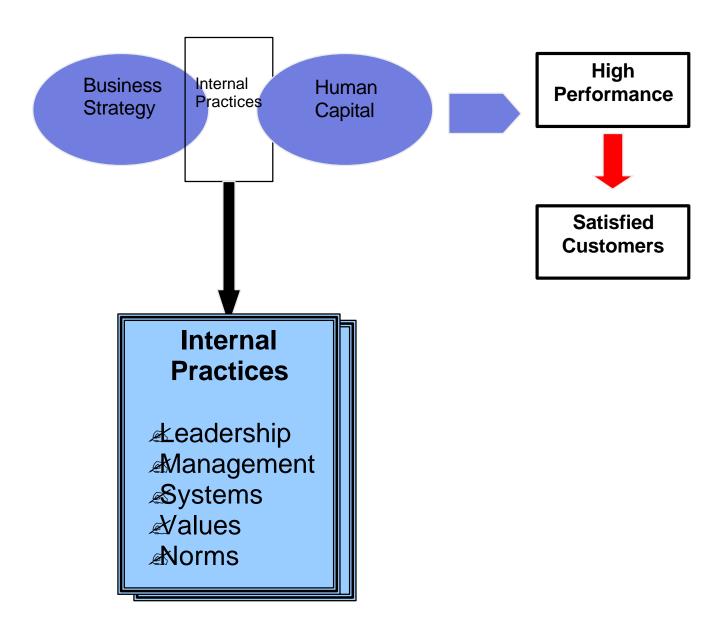
Workforce Demographics



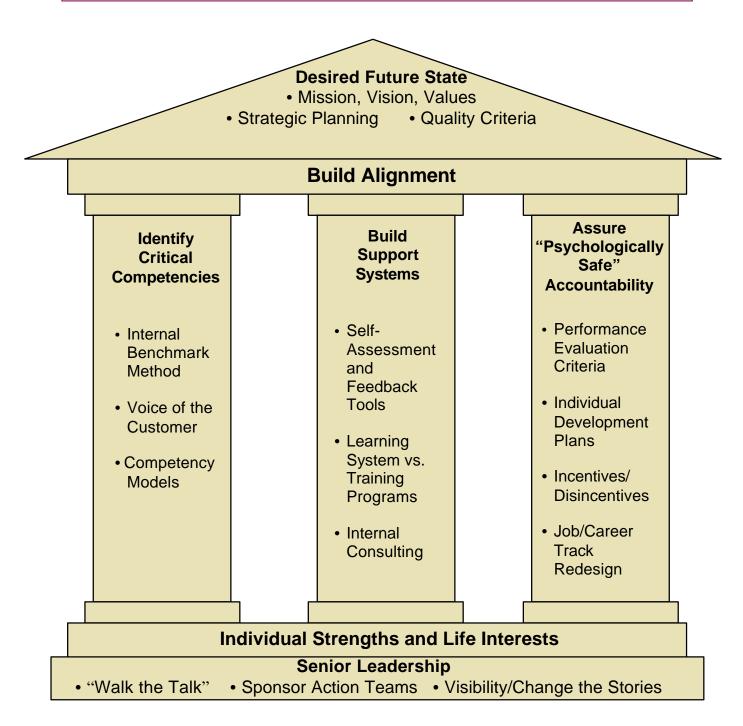
Source: Marilyn Moats Kennedy; Career Strategies, Wilmette, IL

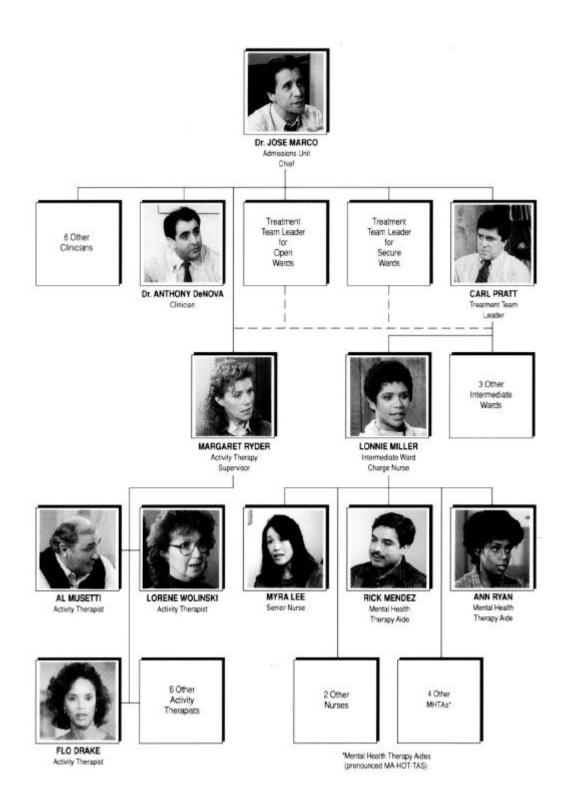
Linking Strategy and Human Potential

The High Performing Organization (HPO) develops internal best practices that link organizational strategy with employees' talents and life interests.



A Model for Linking Strategy and Human Potential





More Than the Basics

Summary: Margaret Ryder wanted Flo Drake's development plan for the second quarter to focus on her 1) demonstrating she could meet basic job requirements and 2) learning the art therapy and pet therapy programs by co-conducting them with Lorene Wolinski and Al Musetti. Drake thought her talents could be used more effectively and said, "I give you my word that all the basics will be performed 100 percent ... But let me put the needs assessment and these new programs in my performance plan, too."

Respond: Drake?	If you were in Margaret Ryder's position, how would you respond to Flo
	ark the four alternatives below from (1) the alternative most like the one you above to (4) the alternative you would be least likely to select in this situation.
A.	I would agree to let her do the needs assessment and work on new programs as long as she fully meets all the basic job requirements and co-teaches art and pet therapy classes with Lorene Wolinski and Al Musetti.
В.	I would explain to Drake why it is necessary to hold off putting work on new activities in her development plan until she has met the basic requirements of her training program.
C.	I would spend time with Drake identifying specific ways in which mastering the basics and working with Wolinski and Musetti could help her pursue her interest in assessing patient needs and developing better programs.
D.	I would make sure Drake understood the importance of mastering the basics and working with Wolinski and Musetti. I would also question her about her needs assessment and new program plans to help her decide if she is trying to do too much. Then, I would leave the decision up to her about whether to add them to her performance at this time.

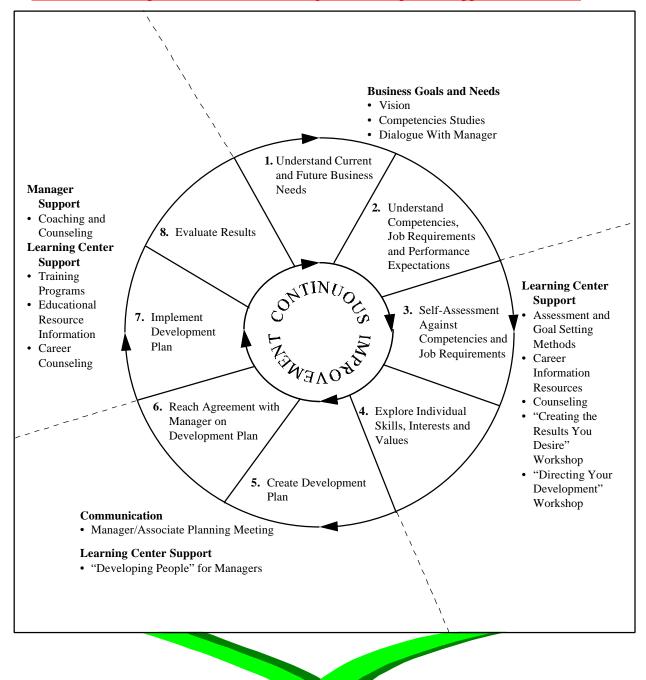
70% of people quit their Leaders, not their jobs.

Source: SRI/Gallup Data: Study of 400, 000 people over 40 years; Robt K. Cooper, Advanced Excellence Systems

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Individual Development and Career Planning Process Steps and Support Mechanisms



HIGH PERFORMANCE ORGANIZATION

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?? Learning Center Support

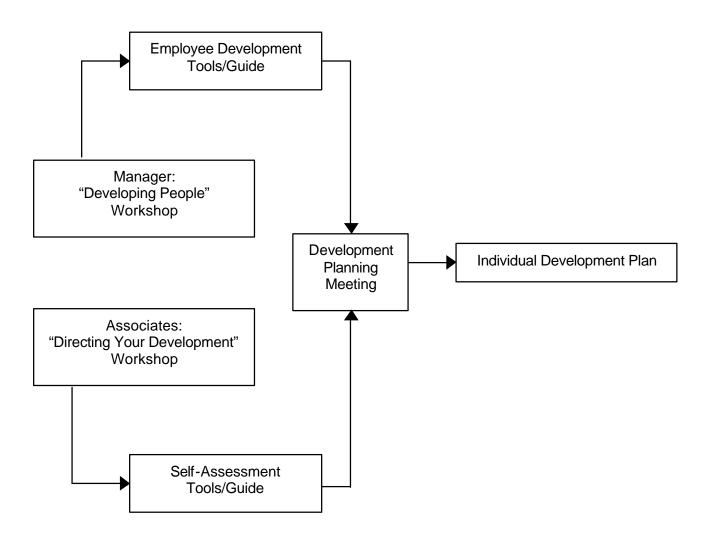
- ?? Management Development Series
- ?? Associate Development Series
- ?? Management Practices Survey (repeated use)

?? Development Review Guides for Managers and Associates

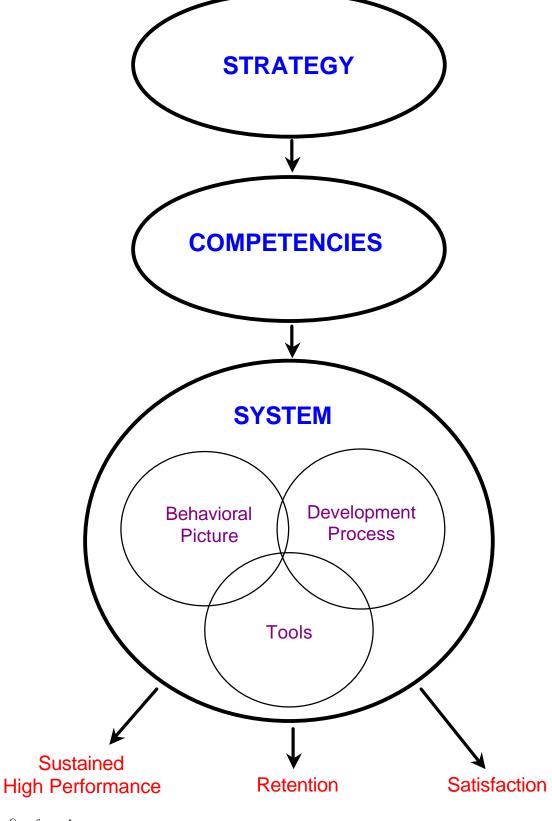
?? Development Planning Communication Process

- ?? Expect and Support Self-Directed Management Development
- ?? Recognition and Reward for Demonstrating Benchmark Practices
- ?? Learn "Psychologically Safe" Development Practices in **Developing People**
- ?? Associates Learn about Benefits of Direction Their Own Development

DEVELOPMENT PLANNING COMMUNICATION PROCESS



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CONCLUSIONS

- Most organizations have a large or rapidly emerging need for workforce development.
- 2. Few organizations have invested sufficiently in expecting or enabling managers to be effective in developing employees.
- In fact, most organizations have a large percentage of ineffective managers and do not step up to poor managerial performance; it is commonly tolerated to the point of crisis, or becomes chronic.
- 4. Collectively, the practices of these managers create a barrier to organizational improvement that is often insurmountable, and also causes retention problems.
- 5. Without improving management and leadership practices, organizations will have great difficulty both in attracting and retaining the desired workforce, and in successfully linking strategy with human potential.
- 6. Few organizations invest in a systems approach to workforce development, but a systems approach is needed to:
 - a. enable and sustain self-directed development
 - b. support managers' employee development efforts
 - c. eliminate poor managerial performance
 - d. link organizational strategy and human potential

"All of the flowers of all of the tomorrows are in the seeds of today."



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